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NINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

annual report of an executive stockholders and directors of ganization he represents must the actual results of the year ntline a program for the future upon past achievements and sting needs and opportunities. year has been an eventful one, n the substantial progress we made; second, the reorganiza- we have practically effected, and the full liquidation of some bad and hold-over problems that been time-consuming and diffi- f solution.

approach a new day in Congre- al advancement that places responsibilities upon State Con- es; with newer relations to our nary agencies and a growing nition of a national council ship. Fortunately, we can come s order with a warranted con- e in our own resources, equip- and organization that permits stand squarely on a platform of ence autonomy and at the same discover for ourselves the most ve way we can serve our Con- e, the nation and the world at We are under no obligations as we accept them, and we l accept every obligation, every nge, every responsibility that we ossibly meet, even at great sac- and with a marked exhibition of based upon our past achieve-

t we may gather the enthusiasm nspiration for such a great ad- , let us review the record as ed in the Year Book for 1925. to Membership, we stand in the nth place in the roll of Confer- Our sister Conference in ern California stands in the place. California is the only having two Conferences. Think- the terms of an all-California— ing as states—California ranks th Congregationally in point of ership. The list of seven is as s: Massachusetts, Connecticut, York, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, rnia.

own Conference made a net of 404 last year. We stood thir- in the increase of accessions. ern California showed a net gain 00. As a state we hold fifth in the increase of membership. to Sunday School Membership, port the largest in our history ave reason for believing that it ch larger than reported. Our was 377 during the year—not as large as our gain in church ership. Southern California d a gain of 530. Northern Cali- took seventh place in this re- and California took fourth exceeded only by Dakota, Hawaii, 943; Minnesota, 1,274. to Apportionment, we made a stride forward in our gifts to tionment causes in 1925. We $60,596, the largest amount in istory. The 1923 Year Book re- $62,755, which Dr. Burton re- is $10,000 in error, and which wn accounts show at least $7,000 Our gain over 1924 was $8,698 exact, or $2 less than $8,700. One churches showed a shrinkage of $2,000. Had that church met its al amount, we would have had y $11,000 of increase. As it was, ok sixth place in increase of giv- Southern California took second place with an increase of $18,074. Connecticut led with $21,571. Yet Connecticut and all others yield to all-California in the increases of last year.

As to Home Expenses, we took fourth place in increase, Florida, Wisconsin and Illinois leading by very small margins.

With joy we hail the prospect of beginning the year 1927 on a three percentage basis. Henceforth we are to think in three dimensions instead of eleven and then some. Henceforth we are not to be confused by the "relative budgets of the various societies or the details of percentages."

Another factor is one that vitally concerns us at this Conference. Under the action of the National Council and as recommended through subsequent meetings of the Commission on Missions, the national societies have been asked to turn over to Conferences all such work as is being done within the borders of the Conference. We have been making history since October. Already the A. M. A. has turned over to our responsibility the Oriental, Indian and Filipino work being done by them in Northern California.

The Extension Boards voted on June 16th "That the German work in Northern California be turned over to the Northern California Conference at the close of our fiscal year, March 31, 1927, provided that such transfer shall be approved by vote of the churches concerned."

It has also been recommended by the Commission on Missions that we take over as soon as feasible the student work at the University of California and possibly of Nevada. It is further recommended that we take over the work of the Director of Religious Education and with it a portion of the percentage.

These are challenging days. The whole foreign missionary movement is under fire. Criticism is general. The racial groups are all alert with nationalistic aims and propaganda. It is as manifest here as abroad and it is more intense abroad than some of us realize.

At home and abroad there is a growing tendency for closer denominational alignment and better comity agreements.

As to the future, we need to set ourselves at once to a few definite pieces of work. We must organize at once a strong Promotional Committee. A recent vote of the trustees asks that the Conference Committee on Nominations bring in nominations for five on the Regional Committee. That committee might well be charged with the whole responsibility for the fall campaign. It will give them something to do.

Owing to the greater expense of inaugurating new work in these modern days, we need to select with care our prospects and then begin a vigorous campaign for funds to start the work. Our Church Building Society has been generous in its response to both Grant and Loan for the payment of last bills. The pinch comes at first. Other denominations and our own Southern Conference are meeting this need with what is known as "Fellowship plans" for Forward Movements. Usually these plans call for popular subscriptions to meet on demand for not over three calls a year for new work, a certain specified amount.

Your Executive wishes also to express his high appreciation of all who on Boards and Committees in the office and in other service, have helped make this a record year.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE

Moderator—Mr. David H. Dexter.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. H. V. White.

Visitors, Pacific School of Religion—Mr. George Martin, Rev. Godfrey Matthews and Rev. Willard B. Thorp.

Visitors, University of California—Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Miss Hope Gilbert, Mr. C. E. Rugh, Mr. C. G. Hyde, Mr. Frederick Ching and Rev. Robert E. Brown.

Committee on Religious Education and Young People—Mrs. Ira J. Condit (representing the Woman's Board), Mrs. Leslie B. Drury, Rev. Willard B. Thorp, Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell and Rev. Miles B. Fisher.

Delegates to Regional Committee—Rev. H. H. Gill, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Mrs. H. F. Swartz and Rev. William J. Minchin.

Delegates to Southern Conference—Rev. William J. Minchin and Rev. H. F. Swartz.

Congregational Representative to State C. E. Convention—Rev. Harvey W. Miller.

Representatives to Anti-Saloon League—Rev. Charles L. Kloss and Rev. R. B. Dodge.

Preacher of the Conference Sermon—Rev. Harry S. McCready.

Alternate Preacher—Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Delegate to the State Federation—Rev. William J. Minchin.

Delegate to the National Council—Mr. David H. Dexter.

Alternate Delegate—Rev. H. H. Gill.

Directors, Board of Trustees, Class of 1929—Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Mr. J. T. Richards, Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Wm. D. Ogg, Rev. W. E. Eckles and Rev. Robert E. Brown.

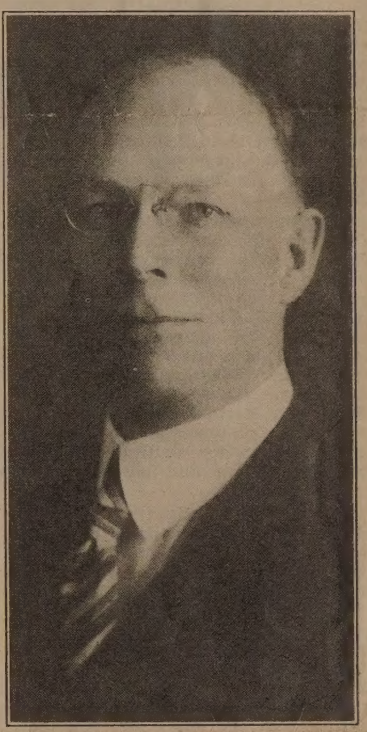
Officers of Board Trustees—President, Mr. David H. Dexter; Vice-President, Mrs. H. F. Swartz; Secretary, Rev. William J. Minchin, D.D.; Treasurer, Mr. F. P. Cole.

Executive Committee—Mr. D. H. Dexter, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Rev. H. H. Gill, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mr. W. F. Hyde, Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. F. W. Morrison, Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Mr. J. T. Richards and Rev. R. E. Brown.

WELCOME, MR. ECKLES!

By vote of the Conference authorizing an addition to our staff, the Board of Trustees at their meeting at Asilomar elected Rev. William E. Eckles as Assistant Superintendent. He begins work August 15, and his coming is eagerly awaited. Mr. Eckles is not a stranger to the work, having assisted in similar ways before in association with Dr. Rathbone. With the added burdens laid upon the Conference by the new order, it is important that we be equipped to do the work, and we are confident that Mr. Eckles will help materially in strengthening our organization.

OUR NEW MODERATOR



In these words of greeting to our Congregational constituency in Northern California, I must again express my deep appreciation of the honor you have accorded in my selection as Moderator for the ensuing year. I consider it as in large measure a recognition of the historic First Church of San Francisco, which I represent. Any true conception of such an office as this lies, however, not in honor conferred upon an individual, but in the opportunity for service which it gives. If I sense the purpose of the Conference correctly, it is that a mandate has been given our officers to especially emphasize the layman during the next Conference season; his problems and his relation to the Church. In endeavoring to do this, our program committee will expect the hearty cooperation of all our membership, both clerical and lay.

The 70th annual conference just closed at Asilomar was impressive for the thoughtful and progressive spirit of the addresses and for the general good feeling manifested. There is apparently small room among our people for any leader whose Christian life is but another name for doctrinal debate. One could sit at the feet of the wise philosopher among the sand dunes, while anxiously inquiring ones questioned him as in the days of Socrates, or gather around the bon-fire of the Juniors, the atmosphere of good feeling was the same.

I am convinced that if we can "sell" Asilomar and the unity of spirit for which it stands, to our people, we shall do more than in any other possible way for the growth of that Christian democracy, which is Congregationalism. To that end our efforts for the coming year must be dedicated.

DAVID H. DEXTER.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

For seven consecutive years we have gone to Asilomar for our Annual Conference. It has become an institution. It is regarded as a model for such gatherings, as it gives time for deliberation, study and better fellowship. There seems to be no debate as to the wisdom of going to one place and staying long enough to make it restful and cumulative in its inspirational features. It is a retreat in the sense of going aside or apart for a little while that we may rest and take an account of our group interests. For two years we have tried to make it a family gathering. Though separate in the instructional parts, there has been much in common, just as there must ever be much in common if we are to co-ordinate our work in the interest of the whole.

The Conference should congratulate itself on its choice of Moderator Thorp. He proved a great program builder, a gracious presiding officer and a master of assemblies. In his absence the Vice-Moderator slighted no detail and maintained the high order of platform leadership. The Scribe, Rev. Walter B. Williams, together with his assistant, Rev. J. R. Shoemaker, turned over to the Registrar most complete and satisfactory minutes that were easily put in shape for preservation and possible publication.

There were no slips in the arrival of speakers; no disappointments to worry a Business Committee. The Committees were not over worked, nor did they magnify their positions. The whole program was stimulating, forward looking and free from unpleasant debate. We were honored by more visitors than usual. Our National Council Moderator, Mr. F. J. Harwood, with his modest wife made friends with young and old. Dr. Kenngott came with his big brotherliness and his big message. Dr. Hawkins of Seattle, with his family, gave a good account of himself and praised our program and methods. Dr. and Mrs. Lash of Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. Enman of Wasco, Rev. F. G. Brainard of Denver, Colo., came to enjoy themselves and were not disappointed. The atmosphere of the whole gathering, with the life and color and evident pleasure of youth, made a picture upon the mind that cannot be effaced.

One hardly dares pick out great spots or great speakers. It looked as if all were in the mood to exceed their best performances. That, at least, was the effect upon the auditors. The impression made by the Alameda Players was sufficiently effective to warrant a special word, as there were many who said: "Oh! if we might have closed with that!" That was real preaching.

The business transacted, while important, did not call for much debate, hardly enough to get across the tremendous task we now face, with the Conference having full charge of all work within its borders, except that of the Education Society. There was some discussion on the new percentages, which modified the recommendation of the apportionment committee slightly. The committe recommended 50-20-30. The conference voted 52-18-30. The details of this are worked out in another article. The latter figure will be required unless we can raise $65,000 this year. If we raise $65,000 we can remit on the 50-20-30 basis. This should be our aim.

We are hoping for a good story on the Young People's Conference. Your Superintendent was wonderfully impressed with the appearance, conduct and enthusiasm of the goodly number that were in attendance. We need have no fear for this generation when we can assemble so many intelligent leaders from so large a group of churches who will give so much time to such exacting work as the delegates in attendance. The instructional end of it; the faculty, the chaperones and the selected officials reveal possibilities that make for large confidence in the youth of this period and giving space for more detailed reporting by those who were closer to the details we sing this praise to youth and thank them that they came with us and helped us as they did by their presence.

The entire registration is slightly lower than we expetced. The combined registration was between 280 and 290, as against a total registration in 1924 of 304 for the adult Conference alone. However, that was swelled by large week-end attendance. There were more hours of attendance than ever before. The future of joint conference arrangement is "On the Knees of the Gods." The adult group registered most unanimously for another trial, though referring decision to the Board of Trustees. The vote registered was advisory. This vote was for a summer conference next year.

Outside the apportionment matters, the two most significant actions were the selection of a Regional Committee to undertake the task of securing our benevolences and the appointment of a lay committee to set up and direct a Forward Movement to secure pledges for a first bills fund to help in starting new work. That committee will meet very soon and propose their plan to you at an early date.

The Conference honored Mr. David H. Dexter, who has served our boards so faithfully, by electing him as Moderator. He is a member of First Church, San Francisco. He will make it a Laymen's Year. Let us give him most cordial support.

THREE PERCENTAGES IN 1927

With the beginning of the year 1927, we are to divide our benevolence money into three parts only. Recommendations as to these divisions were made to the Apportionment Committee on this three-fold basis and this committee worked it over with reference to the added obligations the Confrence is assuming. The results are so very near the askings of the Commission on Missions that we are sure that satisfaction is guaranteed. The figures will be Local 25 per cent, and this is to cover the work of Home Missions, Sunday School Extension, Ministerial Relief, A. M. A. in so far as that work is done within our boundaries and the general Conference obligations, such as paying our National Council dues and the necessary administrative charges of the Conference organization. The division of the 52 per cent is left with the Board of Trustees, but the needs will probably mean about the same amounts to these organizations as formerly. The National division of 18 per cent will be worked out by the Commission on Missions, though we have suggestions that will give the Pacific School of Religion 2.5 per cent, and, if possible, a larger amount than formerly to both the Education Society and the Building Society. The 30 per cent to the Foreign Boards will cover the former percentage to the American Board and the Woman's Board. Our aim, however, is to give an additional 2 per cent to the Home Boards just as soon as the apportionment reaches the place that cares for our own work without creating deficit. Further information along these lines will go out with the apportionment figures. Our Conference aim is $80,000 this year. This means a 33 per cent increase over our gifts for 1925.

The following resolutions were reported by the Resolutions Committee and adopted by the conference:

1. In re Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches and the State Church Federation:

Your committee on resolutions recommends that we sustain the present relation at an expense to the Conference of not more than $100 per year.

2. In re Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches and the Council of Religious Education.

Your committee on resolutions recommends that we sustain the present working arrangements subsisting between the religious education directors of the several denominations without involving either the Conference or the Churches of the Conference in the standing debt of the Council of Religious Education. Referred to Conference Trustees with power to act.

3. In re the employment of a Field Work Assistant to the Superintendent.

Your committee recommends to the Conference that when, and at such time there are sufficient funds available and the suitable man is at hand, the Board of Trustees be empowered to engage a Pastor-at-large to assist the Superintendent in the general development work of the Conference.

4. The Conference heartily approves the project known as "The Fellowship Building Fund," whereby a group of individuals undertake to provide from time to time designated contributions to meet the initial expenses of new church construction. Your Resolutions Committee recommends to this Conference the appointment of a special committee consisting of five members to devise and initiate such a plan.

5. In re the Report of the Secretary of Religious Education (J. C. Prince).

Your committee endorses the suggestions of your Religious Education Secretary in regard to the matter of supplies for the Church School and Young People's Organizations, and recommends that a determined effort be made by all the Pastors of the Conference Churches to make use of our denominational publications. These church school publications, general theological and religious literature, and other publications we recommend should be ordered through our own book room. A concerted effort of this kind would undoubtedly result in a Book-Room earning a profit.

Your committee also endorses the suggestion of your Religious Education Secretary in the matter of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, so far as to suggest that the Board of Trustees of the Conference might well select certain Home Mission Fields as Daily Vacation Bible School experiment stations during the year 1927.

Your Resolutions Committee asks the Conference to put on record its sense of indebtedness to Dr. David Starr Jordan, Prof. J. S. Davis of Leland Stanford Junior University, Prof. J. H. Muirhead of the University of Birmingham (England) and Judge W. A. Beasly, Dr. George F. Kenngott, and Dr. Chauncey Hawkins of Seattle, and Frank J. Harwood, Moderator of the National Council of Congregational Churches, for their presence and inspiring addresses at this annual meeting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Resolved, That this Conference cannot too often nor too vigorously reaffirm its profound conviction of the fundamental importance of religious education, and that therefore such education both in scope and thoroughness should be placed on a full parity with the highest training provided for modern youth in any other subject.

As an important step in this direction, the Conference recommends the movement for the organization of week-day schools of religion with educational standards, with trained and salaried staffs and with methods of instruction all in accordance with the most approved educational practice, and further, that inasmuch as the fu est usefulness of such schools of r ligion necessitates the best attenti and serious effort on the part of t pupils, and as the state support schools have generally arranged the schedules so as to require for the courses as much time and streng as the youth can wisely give to stu ies, with the obvious consequence th adequate formal religious instructi added to the public school curriculu overburdens the pupil, this Confe ence hereby expresses its approval the proposal that the proper civil a thorities be requested to provide f the release of time now controlled the school authorities, not to exce two hours per school week, in whi time and upon the written request the parents, pupils may receive r ligious instruction in church schoo

Dr. Swartz was elected Conferen representative at the coming Legis ture.

NEW BOOKS

The Heights of Christian Love, Study of First Corinthians Thirtee by Doremus A. Hayes. 228 pages, pri $1.50. The Abingdon Press, New Yo City.

My Gray Gull and Other Essays, William Valentine Kelley. 240 page price $1.50. The Abingdon Press, Ne York City.

The Unguarded Gate, a series sermons for children leading to d cision day and covering the scho year, by Floyd W. Lambertson. 1 pages, price $1.25. The Abingdo Press, New York City.

The State and the Kingdom, b William Monroe Balch. 63 pages, pri 50 cents. The Abingdon Press, Ne York City.

Christ Today, a study in the co temporary meaning of Christia thought and experience, by Luci Hatfield Bugbee. 76 pages, price cents. The Abingdon Press, Ne York City.

Parties That Are Different, by Eth Owen. 126 pages, price $1.00. Th Abingdon Press, New York City.

Mr. Possum Visits the Zoo, an other nature stories, by Frances Joyc Farnsworth. 69 pages, price 75 cent The Abingdon Press, New York Cit

A Tuft of Comet's Hair, by F. V Boreham. 271 pages, price $1.75. Th Abingdon Press, New York City.

Intermediate Method in the Churc School, by Frank M. McKibbe Series: The Abingdon Religious Ed cational Texts. 324 pages, price $1.2 plus postage. The Abingdon Pres New York City.

MISS PARSONS TO MAZATLAN

Miss Aileen Parsons has been a pointed by the Woman's Board of th Pacific to work in Mazatlan and making preparations to leave soon a the successor to Miss Julia Wagner We wish her abundant success in he attempts to relate us to this impo tant work among Mexicans.

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H. F. SWARTZ, President.

WE HAVE WITH US

ıst at the time that we were clos- up the affairs of the District ce of the American Board informa- came pouring in of the coming going of missionaries. It is the n season for this kind of work. of these lists we found several in- duals and families that are to y in California for some months at st. Dr. Arthur H. Smith, retired, ıes to make his home in Clare- nt and on his way there he speaks, h accustomed energy, of the pre- t situation in China and he is not irely happy as to the political out- k and its effect upon our missionary k. He is ever welcome among us. ev. Fred F. Goodsell of Constantin- e arrived in time for our annual ıference at Asilomar and taught sses in both the Adult and Young ople's divisions. He is in great de- nd for the mission education work l public addresses but we must not wd him too much even though it a Moslem Year. He is to give course of Earl Lectures at the cific School of Religion and teach ne classes there. He will make rkeley his home while here that he y be near his parents.

We are delighted to have Rev. El- r W. Galt and his family, who come us from Paoting Fu. They have ten residence at 2212 Jefferson reet, Berkeley, where they may rest d study while on furlough. Mr. Galt supported by First Church, San ancisco, and he will remain in this gion throughout the winter, spend- g the rest of his furlough in Iowa, s home state.

For some months friends of Rev. bert B. Whittaker have been await- g his arrival from Lintsing, China, d many of them were gratified to e him at our conference within a y or so of his landing. He and his mily will locate somewhere around e Bay, near enough to be of service those who wish him on their pro- ams and in their pulpits. He is well own here and wishes to have his ork known as well.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Price rived early in the month of July and ve purchased a residence in Berke y. They were associated with our ission in Paoting Fu and we welcome em to our fellowship.

Our Conference Office will gladly range dates with the different or- nizations that may wish these mis- onaries as speakers and with this onderful list of honored servants we e not to lack in missionary informa- on and instruction this winter.

We are also prepared to furnish erature and slides for the foreign ork and have a good missionary li- ary for any who wish to come and epare missionary addresses.

LETTER FROM ALVORD

Editor's note—Many inquiries have ome to us about Mr. Emory D. Al- ord, whose inspiring talks last year nger in the memory of those who met im. It is with pleasure that we print is letter recently sent by him to ie American Board.

A BREATH OF WILD AFRICA

ear Friends in the Homeland:

Our furlough year is over and we re back in Africa. It was wonderful o see you all.' We breathed deep of ie home life. We lusted for the any things that you home folks have very day and take for granted. Oh, ut it was good to be with you.

We planned and purchased clothing nd supplies for another five years in ild Africa. We brushed the cobwebs ut of our brains. We played. We ave 182 addresses on Africa and our ork. Then came the time to pack ur trunks and return.

What a job it was to transport our- elves and three small children across he 17,130 miles of travel via the Pacific and Orient to our remote mission station. Now we have gotten nicely settled down to work and I can find time to write to you.

On board ship we met Mrs. and Mrs. Agnew of California who were on a world tour. They came along with us to Mt. Silinda to see what it was like in the wilds. On the 150 mile ride from the railway station they discovered why Africa is called the "land of footprints." We saw numerous antelope, game birds and monkeys. A lion flashed across the road at less than 100 feet in front of the car. We also saw two troops of baboons and some zebra, yet our Yankee friends were not satisfied, saying—"Bring on the elephant and giraffe."

When we arrived at Mt. Silinda we found that the Mission had already begun the erection of the new school house, the need of which you heard me speak in my lantern lecture. The school had a small sum to its credit and with this they began work, having faith that I would be able to reach friends in America with the story of our great need. Needless to say, my report to them was disappointing. We can only pray that the seed I have sown will bear a large harvest in the future.

We found that our house had fallen down during the heavy rains of last year. It was built of poles and mud with grass-thatched roof such as we are compelled to build when funds are lacking. Fortunately for us Rev. Mr. Dixon and family left on furlough and we were able to move into their house. We don't know what will be done when they return. The board had to refuse our request for a new house because of lack of funds. However, we can live in a tent if we have to. At any rate we are back.

Back to the Dark Continent; the land of primitive life; where wild animals far outnumber man; where many species of antelope roam the unfenced plains to beyond the horizon by day and lions roar and elephants crash across the starlit stillness of the night.

Back to the land of witchcraft and superstition, where naked people live in mud-plastered hovels and where 90 per cent of the babies die in infancy; the land of seasonal food shortage and periodical famine; the land of tropical ulcers, where open sores are treated with filth and bacteria are demons to be driven out by the witch-doctors.

Back where thousands of bright young girls and boys are growing up like mushrooms. So gay and friendly, with sparkling eyes and spontaneous laughter. We know that if we do not reach them in time their minds will become dulled and their glowing young lives will become besmutted, corroded, and altogether corrupted by the degrading influences of lust and witchcraft, superstitution and ignorance, and all the unspeakable customs of heathenism. To reach them we must have the new school house.

We are giving our lives in service to them. It is very much worth while. We are glad we are back. But we will miss you friends in the Homeland.

With very best wishes to you all, I am,

(Signed) EMORY D. ALVORD.

Dr. Wirt Afield

Dr. Wirt left New York, August 4, for a trip to Europe that he may get first hand information of the troubled conditions in Europe. His final objective is the meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva, September 5. He is covering all the strategic points and will return early in the autumn with the results of his travels and observations.

BENEVOLENCES
JUNE—JULY, 1926

Adin		$ 36.12
Alameda, First		150.00
Alturas	$ 15.00	
Berkeley, First	747.00	469.47
Berkeley, Park	31.23	
Berkeley, North	500.00	
Campbell		11.68
Ceres	75.00	
Cloverdale	165.00	35.00
Crockett	28.81	
Eureka	50.52	23.15
Ferndale	25.00	
Fresno, First	62.00	
Grass Valley	32.26	9.83
Guerneville	15.00	
Lodi, First	250.00	
Oakland, First	718.33	473.72
Oakland, Grace		40.20
Oakland, Plymouth	115.23	83.44
Oakland, Olivet		40.54
Oakland, Pilgrim		86.00
Oroville	12.04	100.00
Pacific Grove	43.67	34.40
Palermo	10.00	
Palo Alto	300.00	
Petaluma	94.40	100.05
Pittsburg	32.85	
Redwood City	150.00	
Reno, Nev.	23.00	131.86
Sacramento		171.00
S. F., First	600.00	300.00
S. F., Bethany		75.00
S. F., Richmond		30.21
San Jose	108.82	128.20
San Leandro		12.83
San Mateo	50.00	80.00
Santa Cruz	450.00	
Santa Rosa, First	53.27	
Saratoga	282.30	
Sonoma	23.00	
Soquel		25.00
Stockton		570.00
Suisun	100.00	
Sunnyvale		80.00
Tipton	10.20	
Tulare		30.00
Woodside	10.50	10.50
Pilgrim		86.00

Comparative Figures, 1925-1926

Jan. 11-Feb. 28	$ 3,586.24	$ 3,671.92
March 1-31	3,532.70	3,907.97
April 1-30	4,036.67	4,236.03
May 1-31	3,982.85	3,585.68
June 1-30	2,955.40	5,184.43
July 1-31	4,454.21	3,318.20
Totals	$22,548.07	$23,994.23

Distribution

	June	July
C. W. M. S.	$ 50.41	$ 32.58
Conference	403.28	260.63
Annual Fund	68.80	44.46
C. M. R. S.	128.59	59.29
S. S. E. S.	136.75	59.29
F. for E.	137.60	88.94
Church Bldg. Soc.	252.33	163.05
Educational Soc.	275.20	177.88
A. M. A.	573.33	370.58
W. B. of M. P.	596.26	385.40
A. B. C. M.	960.58	673.25
C. H. M. S.	1,601.30	1,022.85
Totals	$5,184.43	$3,338.20

MISSIONARY EDUCATION MOVEMENT

Nearly three hundred delegates gathered at Asilomar July 6-16 and those of our fellowship that were in attendance were unanimous in their testimony that the character of the work and the spirit of the gathering were both memorable and inspiring. Dr. H. H. Guy of Berkeley was re-elected as President and for the present the northern headquarters of the M. E. M., formerly in care of Miss Ada Skillicorn, will be in our Conference Office under the care of Mrs. Anna L. Gillman. The attendance of Congregationalists from the north was between 16 and 20. It was felt that we should take responsibility for a larger attendance and interest in this very high grade of work done in preparing leaders for our missionary work in the churches.

REV. HENRY HOPKINS KELSEY, D. D.

Rev. Henry Hopkins Kelsey, D. D., was born at Evans Mills, New York, in 1853. He was graduated from Amherst College in 1876 and from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1879. For three years he was instructor and assistant librarian in the seminary and for a fourth year assistant pastor with Rev. Dr. Edwin B. Webb in Shawmut Church, Boston, Mass. In 1884 he was ordained to the Congregational ministry and served the Second Church in Winsted, Conn., for the next four years. In 1888 he succeeded Dr. Graham Taylor in the pastorate of the Fourth Church in Hartford, where he gave a most fruitful service of twenty-two years. In 1910 he accepted the call of the Congregational Church in Marietta, Ohio, and spent five years of mature influence in the church and Marietta College, in the community and the state-wide work. In 1915 he came to California and gave ten arduous and effective years as Pacific Coast Secretary of the American Board, until failing health compelled his retirement in 1925.

In 1892 Dr. Kelsey married Alice Watson Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich., who with their daughter, Mary, survives him. In 1879 he received the degree of Master of Arts from Amherst College and in 1911 the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Marietta College.

Dr. Kelsey was by nature and training a Christian evangelist. By his ardent love and loyalty to Christ, his profound faith in the Redeemer's kingdom and his sympathetic friendliness for men he was impelled to devote himself to winning men and augmenting Christ's saving power in human life. His Hartford pastorate was the endless quest for unsaved men in the byways of city life, and throughout his life he was eager to cooperate in soul-saving work. His ten years in California were devoted with the same enthusiasm to the world-wide advancement of Christ's kingdom, which had indeed been one of his lifelong lines of interest and activity. His recognized place among the leaders of our Congregational churches caused him to be drafted for various denominational services, notably as a member of the Commission of Nineteen which reported in 1913 new forms of administration. Reference should be included here to the breadth of his human relations, which led to his chaplaincy of the First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers in the Spanish-American war of 1898 and his chaplaincy of the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, 1900-1908. He served terms as trustee of Hartford Theological Seminary, Amherst College and Pacific School of Religion. —C. S. Nash, Berkeley.

FEDERATE SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The twentieth anniversary of this School of Missions was held at Mt. Hermon in connection with the regular sessions of the school July 3-10. One of the speakers at this anniversary meeting was Mrs. J. E. Wagner of San Jose whose reminiscences run back to the beginnings of the organization. We are represented in this school by the vice-chairman, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. J. E. Wagner and Mrs. L. L. Wirt. The registration was 338 this year divided as follows: 234 women, 47 girls and 57 children. A dozen different denominations were represented. In addition to our elected representatives we find Mrs. Silas W. Mack of Pacific Grove actively interested in this work. Reports will get back to the churches through these worthy representatives.

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GUERNEVILLE REDEDICATES

Our Guerneville Church was erected in the year 1895. The time had come for a complete renovation and repairing. The right minister was there at the right time and with his genius for such work he led the church into this task of renewal, with the result that on June 27 the church held public service of appreciation and dedication with a sermon by Rev. B. F. Sargent of Berkeley.

The pastor, Rev. G. Southwell Brett, did a similar and more extensive work of rehabilitation at Antioch, putting our church in excellent shape for a great forward movement. We trust that in this case Mr. Brett may direct the Guerneville Church in its attempt to make the organization a factor for moral betterment by the planting of spiritual truths in the hearts of old and young. We congratulate Guerneville on its splendid achievement and in its selection of a minister. Mr. Brett composed the Dedicatory Hymn sung at the exercises.

RIO VISTA—The church at Rio Vista have already been planning their fall program. The Ladies Aid Society under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Will Anderson has appointed her committees for the fall work and is helping to build up a strong and efficient church organization. There were forty ladies present at the last meeting which was held outdoors at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, twenty-five miles from Rio Vista.

The Sunday School, led by Mrs. Mark Church, is now in the enviable position of having more teachers than classes. It is the intention to build up an esprit de corps among the teaching staff by pushing a strong educational program and plans have been made for an elaborate Christmas pageant.

During the summer, the church is omitting all evening services. Three new members were added to the church at the July communion. This is six new members since January. The pastor conducted four funerals during the past month. A fine delegation of young people attended the Christian Endeavor Convention at Stockton, and the church was represented at both the Young People's and Adult Conferences at Asilomar.

NEW BOOKS

Principles and Technique in Religious Dramatics, by Elisabeth Edland. Series: Training Courses for Leadership. 87 pages, price 60 cents, postage additional. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

PITTSBURG.—During June this church held two important gatherings, one of them was to dedicate a Memorial Window to the late Rev. James Muir, who was so beloved by this church and the other was a program, specially arranged by the ladies, to feature the Spanish work being done and needing to be done in Pittsburg. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, at the dedication of the window, paid tribute to the victorious life of the former pastor. Music was furnished by a Sunday School class formerly led by Mr. Muir, under the direction of Miss Gladys Robinson, the present teacher. Mrs. Charles Hibbert read a poem of her own composition, entitled "A Soldier of the Cross." Mrs. H. L. Costello sang "Crossing the Bar" and a trio composed of Misses Gladys and Mabel Robinson and Mrs. F. J. Phelan of San Francisco sang. The pastor and his ladies are interested in the work with the Mexicans and as a result invited Rev. C. C. Valencia of Stockton to the other service referred to. There is need of a Mexican Church in Pittsburg and this may pave the way for some denomination to enter.

PARADISE—Rev. C. H. Dains of Paradise is fortunate in having people in his community who are willing to express their appreciation of his work publicly. In a recent issue of the Paradise Progress Review the editor writes his thanks to Mr. Dains for the comfort received in an hour of bereavement. A quotation from this article is worthy of repetition. "Especially are we fortunate that this church is in reality a community church where all may go, in life or death, and be assured the teachings, treatment, service and consideration that Christ would accord whosoever may come, whether or not they might be members of that particular church. Also I feel that we are especially fortunate and blessed to be privileged to have as pastor of that church a man who is broad minded enough to be pastor of a church which is in reality a community church; also one who is working so diligently in a broad way to advance the church in its influence for good."

SACRAMENTO—The corner stone laying exercises of the Sacramento church were held Saturday afternoon, June 5th. Rev. Harvey V. Miller gave the address. Two stones were laid, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. Harley H. Gill, pastor of the church. The stone laid in 1854 in the old building with its contents was put into the new building. Another stone which was laid in 1868 at the time of some alterations in the building was used for the records and documents which the church recently collected. A granite corner stone slab bearing the words "First Congregational Church, 1926," and contributed by the workmen on the job will be imbedded in the wall just above the stones. All foundations are practically complete and the forms are being erected for the walls. It is expected that the church will be occupied about November 1st. A unique feature of the program was the singing of a hymn written by Dr. J. A. Benton and used at the laying of the corner stone of the old building in 1854.

EUREKA.—Owing to the early departure of Miss Grace Ogg as a missionary to Bible Lands, under the auspices of the Bible Institute, her father denied himself the privilege of attending the Conference at Asilomar that he might have his time with his family. This church has prospered yearly under the leadership of Rev. W. D. Ogg and best wishes go with the daughter in her venture of faith.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M. P.

The fifty-third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific will be held September 14 and 15 in the First Congregational Church, Oakland. This will be the last separate Annual Meeting of the Board before it merges with the American Board and the two other Woman's Boards, January 1, becoming the new American Board, and will be the most significant and historic meeting since its founding in 1873.

The morning sessions will begin at 10:30 o'clock, the afternoon sessions at 2 o'clock, and the Tuesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Luncheon (40 cents) will be served both days at the Church, and an International Dinner (65 cents) on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. Greetings from all our missionaries on the foreign field will be given at that time.

The program as planned is rich and varied, with concentration the second day on the "Forward Vision" as the Living Spirit of the W. B. M. P. is passed on to other hands. Dr. Swartz, Dr. Minchin and Mrs. Ferrier, our president, will speak that afternoon, and there will be responses from the representatives of the state organizations. The place of men in the forward vision of foreign missions looms large. Come and familiarize yourselves with what has been accomplished by just this small Board, and with the hopes for the future.

At least three missionaries now on furlough will be among the speakers of the two days: Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of Turkey, Rev. Elmer W. Galt and Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, both of China, who will have the latest word of conditions and the work in these countries.

Tuesday evening there will be a special address, followed by the Commission Service of Miss Aileen Parsons, who goes to the foreign field this fall. Through the courtesy of The Pacific, we expect to print the completed program in the next issue. Watch for it! Delegates wanting entertainment for Tuesday night, please notify the W. B. M. P., 432 Phelan Building, San Francisco, as soon as possible, and by September 10 at the latest.

OFFICE FURNITURE FOR SALE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 432 PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO

1 roll top desk.
1 large typewriter desk, 6 drawers.
1 bookcase.
2 desk chairs.
4 straight chairs.
12 folding camp chairs.
1 filing cabinet, 3 drawers.
1 cabinet with glass doors.

LEE HONG RESIGNS

After many years of work in San Francisco, this prominent Chinese pastor resigns, to take effect October 1. He is to be under commission of the American Missionary Association working in connection with Dr. George W. Hinman in the general work of the Chinese churches the country over. Mr. Lee has done very good work throughout the State of California as an organizer and adviser of his people. He has recently helped in the reorganization of the Language School in Chinatown, having stood for very high educational ideals in both the Night School and the Language School both of which are now in the Federation of Congregationalist, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian organizations uniting for the common work of religious education of Chinese youth.

FAREWELL, DOCTOR HINMAN!

After seventeen years of faithful service here on the coast as Secretary of the American Missionary Association, Dr. Hinman left on the night of August 4 for a series of important conferences as he goes East to be attached to the national office of that society, making his home in New York. A few friends were at North Church, Berkeley, on that evening, that they might say farewell to him and his lovely and capable wife before they took the train north. There are many others who coveted such an opportunity to express their gratitude for the many delightful services these have rendered in their abounding hospitality and generous service to the many Congregationalists who have been on the wing and knew the latch-string was always out.

Dr. Hinman brought to his work the results of his untiring service in China and with his rare power of analyzation was able to take leadership among the workers with the Oriental directors at a time that demanded some valiant crusaders to defend the Asiatics. His heroic work along this line inspired many others and developed within himself that readiness to espouse the cause of all alien peoples. His studies of racial groups and their problems together with his gifts as a teacher resulted in that unique type of work which has taken him to so many churches and conferences in the past few years to conduct extended series of Mission Study classes. This service should be continued on a larger scale and with advanced classes.

The denomination is fortunate in having a man whose gifts for research are so well buttressed by a splendid altruism, and many of us hoped that the service rendered might be of larger importance than that of the work of a single society. We on the western slope will await his larger studies now that he is freed from the cares of administration. Others in the country are also ready to get the information that comes from exhaustive and discriminating study. We say our farewells without much enthusiasm, but we wish these good friends many happy years of service in the work that is so dear to their hearts.

MISSION TEAMS

We are able to offer to a limited number of centers Missionary teams of two to three speakers for the two weeks beginning September 19. If the requests are numerous, we may be able to furnish a second team. At present we are sure of Dr. Hodgdon and Mr. Goodsell. The teams will consist of three this year and we will expect large publicity on the part of the entertaining church. Will those who wish the team and are ready to get out a record attendance write to the office at once, as we are about to set up the work and route the men. If replies are not prompt we will suggest desirable centers and seek your cooperation. Let us have letters from all ministers as to where they would like to go if they do not care to entertain the team.

SONOMA—Our pastor, Rev. Isaac Cookman, met with an unfortunate accident while on his way to Asilomar to attend the Annual Conference. He was driving through the Dublin Canyon, where he struck loose gravel when his car skidded and as he was near the edge of the road, his car turned turtle, breaking two wheels and doing other injury to the car. There were five in the car. Mrs. Cookman and Miss Thompson from Glen Ellen were some bruised, the rest escaping without injury. The car was practically destroyed.